

Types of Unemployment

Read through the following examples and consider what type of unemployment (if any) is being experienced in each. Choose from *Cyclical / Structural / Frictional / Seasonal / Real Wage / Not Counted as Unemployed*

	Situation	Type of Unemployment
1	A worker loses his job at a factory which made refrigeration components. The company closed the plant down because of an inability to cope with lower-wage cost foreign competition.	
2	Workers lose their jobs at a paper factory due to a steep downturn in demand across the paper industry and an increase in energy costs.	
3	A single mother who has been out of the workforce decides to start looking again for part-time work when she finds that affordable child care is available in her local town.	
4	Employees at a brick manufacturer are laid off following a recession in the housing market.	
5	A newly qualified plumber opts to spend some time looking for a new job rather than accept employment with a local business.	
6	A number of journalists are made redundant when a magazine decides to use copy from press agencies as a cost-cutting measure.	
7	Newcastle Building Society announces it is to make 150 workers redundant as a result of the downturn in the mortgage market.	
8	A hotel decides to reduce the number of bar and restaurant staff employed following an increase in the national minimum wage.	
9	Eighty jobs are lost at the classified ads company Exchange & Mart after the decision to cease print publication of the magazine and continue with the magazine online.	
10	A building firm lay off ten workers for three weeks and mothballs their existing building sites because of harsh weather in the winter.	
11	A former bank manager decides to leave her job and take early retirement in order to look after an elderly relative.	
12	A steel smelting plant closes and thirty workers with job specific skills are forced to look for new work elsewhere in the locality.	